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TANGLED TITLES AND CLAIM JUMPERS

THE action of a jury in the case in the district court last Monday in returning a verdict involving ground held by the Mount Oddie Mines company is deserving of severe reprobation. Until the case is finally determined by the supreme court mining operators, prospectors and locators will be in doubt as to what is the proper course to pursue in order to safeguard titles to unpatented ground.

In the case at bar the jury concluded that the work of a company owning a group of claims all tied together without any segregation cannot continue in possession without doing annual work on each claim of the group. A fundamental principle of mining locations is that centralized labor for the benefit of a group is perfectly valid. The United States surveyor general has recognized this cardinal point which must also be accepted as a fact with-out some better authority than the action of the jury in question.

Nevertheless, until the haze is cleared up and there is a positive ruling, locations throughout Nevada will be subject to jumping and relocation for the reason that this jury for some reason unknown proposed to revolutionize the industry. This action will cause shivers to circulate from Utah to California and Idaho to the Colorado river for it is nothing more than a sub-version of all recognized authorities.

As a matter of final title location work seldom counts and that class of expenditure is generally regarded as nothing more than a means to comply with the law. In most cases location work, where the ground has any prospective value, is done with strict regard to property rights and calculated to withstand the test of the courts. In new sections the same rigid rule is not always followed and claim owners are commonly satisfied with surface trenching, the digging of shallow shafts or road building or any means that will contribute to the success of the locator. The law has been interpreted along the most liberal lines for the sole purpose of encouraging mineral development.

The ground taken by the Tonopah jury is that work done on the extreme end of a group cannot be considered applicable. Such a contention is untenable since, right here in Tonopah, the very opposite policy appears to have been followed. Take the entire list of producers from the Belmont west to the Tonopah Extension, the work was done at one end of the group and in one case, the development was done through a shaft off the company's ground, and there has never been any question raised as to the merits of improvements. If the courts decree that location work on groups can only apply when performed on each separate claim then it means that the money of prospectors will be squandered idly in trenching, digging shallow pits and gophering rather than in making substantial improvement that will inure to the benefit of the whole group.

TONOPAH FIRST IN POTASH

PLOCHE is making a game effort to be first in the field in Nevada to offer home made potash on the open market but it is a fair wager that Tonopah men will get there with substantial shipments before the experiments of the Lincoln county company are fairly launched.

The men behind the potash movement in Tonopah have had greater and more varied experience with that elusive mineral than those who are associated with similar efforts in other sections. A lot has been written and printed about the numerous potash plants that were going to revolutionize the industry in this country but, as a matter of fact, there are just two that have gone ahead on a commercial scale that entitles them to consideration. These are the alumite reduction works at Marysville, Utah, and the other is the plant now under construction in the vicinity of Tonopah. The effort to extract potash from sagebrush is not new as it was exploited some years ago by government chemists who reported that sage contained potash, but not in sufficient quantities to recommend it to the attention of capitalists seeking investment in that quarter. Not very long ago a company was promoted in Winnemucca for this identical purpose and the first step was to send samples of the most luxuriant potash to the Department of Agriculture at Washington for advice and suggestions.

The inquirer had heard lots about the thirty per cent potash content and thought the best way of finding out was to go to the fountain head with his ideas. The samples were treated, according to the most approved plans and the answer came back that the weed carried exactly 7 per cent potash and in such elusive form that it would not pay any company to attempt to segregate it.

The best way of applying the potash salts of the sagebrush is to burn the plant right on the ground and let the ashes fertilize the farm on which improvement are projected. The value of the sagebrush as a means of soil enrichment is too well known for any one to dispute the merits of any application but the enrichment comes in more ways than one and is not wholly the accompaniment of potash. The fertilizing of the land is more often due to the presence of sagebrush for countless generations during which the rise and decline of the plant life deposits a large quantity of humus or vegetable growth to correct the mineral elements that often abound in wild lands.

Madam Gaski is guilty of the crime for which her sex has suffered more than any other. As the parot said, she talks too much, and it would not be straining a courtesy to gently request her to retire from the country when she essays a defence of her husband and his alleged plans to blow up ammunition plants.

Germany is reaping the profit of the embargo in being compelled to keep her gold at home because she has no way of spending it abroad. Last year, according to reports just printed the Kaiser's gold reserve increased 352,000,000 marks or \$75,000,000.

Little Sweden is fussing almost as weary Wilson over interference with her maritime commerce, but the Norsemen are not writing letters. They threaten immediate retaliation unless Great Britain ceases bullying her sailors.

Charles Schwab is still looking for fresh investments and when he is not picking up a couple of choice properties in Tonopah he is buying tin or minor steel plants.

Nobody can question the bravery of the Seattle artilleryman who committed suicide because he would not be allowed to marry while in the service.

John Bull is slow but sure. After two years, he admits that there is something about this Zeppelin business that is real annoying.

CLIPPED AND CREDITED

Admiral von Tirpitz is called the Roosevelt of German politics, but nobody expects the colonel to be thrown overboard so successfully.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Now that George Fred Williams has disapproved of President Wilson we can think of only one person in whom he still reposes implicit confidence.—Washington Post.

Mr. Roosevelt says that he will not enter into any fight for the nomination, this being the first instance on record where he passed up a fight of any kind.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Senator Fall, who wants one hundred thousand Americans to go into Mexico at once to catch Villa, would probably hunt sparrows with a Krupp cannon.—Florida Times Union.

IRISH NOT GETTING REAL SQUARE DEAL

DEPENDENTS NOT PROTECTED AND NO COMPENSATION IS OFFERED INJURED

(By Associated Press.)

DULIN, Ireland, Apr. 5.—The O'Connor Don, the Lord Lieutenant of County Roscommon, and one of the most active supporters of recruiting in Ireland, has written to the Dublin press complaining that the promise of support to the dependents made to young Irishmen on enlisting has been very inadequately kept. Delays of months have, he says, taken place in the payments and in many instances the amounts allocated have been totally inadequate.

Wounded and discharged soldiers have been returning to their homes in Connaught, and are often sent back totally unfit for work and without any pay or pension being granted to them.

The O'Connor Don gives special specific cases with full particulars in proof of his statements and adds that "with such instances we can scarcely wonder at a falling off in the recruiting returns."

MRS. GUS WETTERAU was a passenger this morning for Rosedale, California.

DR. W. E. TAYLOR OPTOMETRIST

of Reno is now in Tonopah, at Golden Eagle Hotel, to remain until April 14th



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NEW TODAY

INSURANCE ANNUAL STATEMENT

of the Michigan Commercial Insurance Company, Lansing, Mich.
 Paid-up capital\$ 400,000.00
 Gross assets 1,019,837.16
 Liabilities, except capital. 408,579.40
 Net surplus 211,957.76

INCOME
 Premiums\$ 543,194.38
 Other sources 41,570.72
 Total income, 1915 584,765.10

EXPENDITURES
 Paid policy holders\$ 251,679.62
 Dividends 257,848.83
 Other expenditures 509,523.15
 Total expenditures, 1915.....

BUSINESS, 1915
 Risks written\$94,839,295.00
 Premiums thereon 543,194.38
 Losses incurred 241,766.78
 Force Dec. 31, 1915.....

NEVADA BUSINESS
 Amount of risks written.....\$
 Premiums received 78,604.98
 Losses paid 42.45
 Losses incurred 7,797.00
 Amount of policies in force Dec. 31, 1915..... 7,797.00
 W. A. ELDREDGE, Secretary

INSURANCE ANNUAL STATEMENT

of the Interstate Fire Insurance Company, Detroit, Mich.
 Paid-up capital\$ 224,825.00
 Gross assets 498,690.92
 Liabilities, except capital. 132,012.16
 Net surplus 78,992.15

INCOME
 Premiums\$ 179,318.86
 Other sources 78,604.98
 Total income, 1915 257,923.84

EXPENDITURES
 Paid policy holders\$ 13,305.87
 Dividends 92,389.63
 Other expenditures 195,688.56
 Total expenditures, 1915.....

BUSINESS, 1915
 Risks written\$ 244,585.48
 Premiums thereon 179,318.86
 Losses incurred 19,220.72
 Force Dec. 31, 1915.....

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 Amount of risks written.....\$ 7,797.00
 Premiums received 42.45
 Losses paid 7,797.00
 W. A. ELDREDGE, Secretary

ANNUAL STATEMENT

Annual statement of the Water Company of Tonopah, for the year ended December 31, 1915.
 Overdraft, Dec. 31, 1914\$ 2,362.35
 Receipts during the year including proceeds of notes amounting to \$40,000.....\$142,242.35

Disbursements during year including partial payment of loan\$140,880.04
 Overdraft, Dec. 31, 1915\$ 268.09
 H. D. ANDERSON, Asst. Sec'y.

—THE—

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tomorrow

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